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Editor Virginia Law Register: The Richmond "Times-Dispatch" in its editorial columns of June 14, stated, for the benefit of law students preparing to take the recent Bar Examination, that they were informed that no question ever before asked at a Bar Examination in this state would be asked on that examination. The intimation was that the previous questions and answers thereto would be of no benefit to the student in his preparation.

In a pamphlet published by Mr. F. D. Moore and me this Spring, I find that there are nineteen questions that are exact duplicates of those answered in a publication of only three years ago, and which we did not find it necessary to again answer. There are also quite a number of questions substantially the same and still others exactly the same, but which we again answered to give the student the benefit of citations to late cases and recently published text-books.

Among the questions asked at the recent June Examination and published in this issue of the LAW REGISTER, there are seventeen partially or fully answered in the pamphlets mentioned. This does not mean that the questions are exact duplicates of those formerly given, but similar and answerable from principles of law published in the answers to the former questions.

The publications here mentioned are intended for and of benefit to the student, who must, in a short space of time after completing his course of study at college or elsewhere, review the whole field of the law, which reposes in many hundreds of pages of text-books and cannot be read in a short space of time. The vital principles of the numerous subdivisions of the law, as studied at the present day, are so spread out in these text-books, that such books are useless for quick review. Therefore the student will find the concise statements of the many principles of law applied in the answers to questions already asked of much benefit in answering those at future examinations. By this time the field has been so well covered that, although the questions propounded at future examinations may be varied, few involving absolutely new principles of law are likely to be asked, unless the Board should search the outlying branches of the law for them.

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